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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM TOON

E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR, IS, US

SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH LEADERSHIP

- 1. IN CALLS TODAY ON RABIN, ALLON AND PERES WITH SENATOR ADLAI STEVENSON, I HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH LEADERSHIP SUNDAY'S CABINET DECISION TO ACCEDE TO "U.S. PROPOSAL" TO OPEN DISCUSSIONS WITH CONFRONTATION STATES ON END OF STATE OF WAR IN EXCHANGE FOR TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS. REMARKS OF ALL THREE LEFT ME WITH IMPRESSION THAT (1) THEY REGARD CABINET DECISION AS GENUINE CONCESSION TO U.S. INSISTENCE ON FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE TOWARD NEGOTIATING PROCESS AIRED IN WASHINGTON TALKS, (2) WHILE CABINET WAS TOLD THAT TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE "SUBSTANTIAL", THERE WAS NO DETAILED DISCUSSION OF REAL ESTATE TO BE OFFERED IN SINAI, GOLAN, OR WEST BANK, (3) THEY ARE UNCLEAR AS TO WHAT IS MEANT BY "END OF STATE OF WAR" EXCEPT THAT CONCEPT IS LESS THAN PEACE AND PERHAPS DIFFERENT FROM NON-BELLIGERENCY, AND (4) FURTHER DISCUSSIONS NEEDED WITH WASHINGTON TO CLARIFY LATTER AS WELL AS FIX ON NEXT ACTIONS.
- 2. I MAY BE UNCHARITABLE IN MY ASSESSMENT, BUT I HAVE FEELING THAT LEADERSHIP HOPES THAT ARAB CAPITALS WILL REJECT NEW CONCEPTUAL APPROACH, ISRAELIS CAN THEN FEEL THEY HAVE DONE THEIR BIT AND WILL BE REWAREDE RATHER THAN PUNISHED, AND U.S. WILLTBE RECONCILED TO NO-MOVEMENT IN 1976. YOU MAY HAVE BETTER FEEL FOR LEADERSHIP'S MOOD AFTER YOU SEE DINITZ WHO, RABIN TOLD ME, SECRET

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HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED FORMALLY CONVEY CABINET DECISION. BUT IF

MY BELLY HUNCH IS CORRECT, CLEARLY WE'LL HAVE TO ENGAGE IN FURTHER
HEAD-SCRUBBING HERE IF WE ARE TO MOVE CONSTRUCTIVELY. PLEASE
LET ME HAVE YOUR THOUGHTS, ADVICE, AND INSTRUCTIONS.
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